this manifestation of your partiality and confidence, in selecting me to preside over your dedicardinates and in the discharge of the distiles devolving upon me as the Frendend of this Board it will be my aim not only to give them due attention, but to render my decisions with that degree of impartiality which you have a right to claim, and which it is my impossible duty to award to you.

Gentlemen, as the executive duties of your presiding officer are confined above to your debates and actions when in session, it is not incumbent upon me, upon assuming the chair, to submit to you may suggestions as to your feetfairte duties, or to invite your set tention to such subjects and measures as in my opinion may be attention to such subjects and measures as in my opinion may be attention to such subjects and measures as in my opinion may be attention to such another in the first place. I refer to the increasity of the purchase of a size for the exection of a market upon the west side of the city, sittable to the practical and increasing requirements of this great metropolis, to the propriety of its location, and equal to them in correlation and action. In the second place, to the propriety of the adoption of such measures and ordinances as will effect a relief and improvement to the travel of Brondway and of the streets in the lower part of the city running paralled thereto.

Further, there exists in my constition the imperative recessity of your adopting and consummating some, measure calculated to their the travel of the city of your adopting and consummating some, measure calculated to the time to the travel of the streets and piers of this city, this manifestation of your partiality and confidence, in selecting

Firther, there exists in my conviction the imperative necessity of your adopting and consummating some incame calculated to stain the thereugh cleaning of the strests and piers of this city, not only with a view to the economy of the goods and wearing appears of our citizens and their personal comfort and convenience, one of the convenience, which is now in progress at our carried the ambient and sow from our streets and piers.

Latily, I would suggest your early considerative of the subject of the restriction of the landing of steambeats running in the of the restriction of the landing of steambeats running in the forth and East Rivers, to the rivers in which their routes lead, and slee suggest the early refractions of the ordinance providing and sice suggest the early refractions of the ordinance providing for the saie of breach by weight, which, although it received the fact has the ordinance providing the the size of breach by weight, which, although it received the transmission of the late Common Council, unanimous consent of both Boards of the late Common Council, unanimous consent of both Boards of the late Common Council, unanimous consent of both Boards of the late Common Council,

ordinance as to seade it with requirements in no was expressed or implied, and allogether repugnant to the views of the framers of it.

There are other subjects which, in my opinion, have a like There are other subjects which, in the professed of the call in upon your attention; but, unlike these referred to, they have been so for progressed with act partity their being classed thus, are, an examination histo the practices of our Courts in the recognion of bail upon oriminal charges—for I cutertain the opinion (as creation of their to persons one. I trust) that the extension of liberty to persons against whom offenses are charged, upon insufficient bad, is excited to an extent unauthorized by law and indicative of a city of official duty, subversive both to integrity and Justice.

The expenditures of the Fire Department, in the construction of rew apparatus, engine-houses, &c., for which I am willing and freely do second to this Department all the credit it is entitled to fee its very valuable services, its energy, and a zealous discharge of its dutiest, and it is also with great pleasure that I can be at tendency to the great worth of many of its members, and award to them high homor for the gratitious labors which they become both advanced the efficiency of the Department and to provide for the interests of those who, in affliction, may have a claim upon its charge; yet, it is not to be denied that the appropriations for its maintenance of the Department have been, of late years, law lady given; added to which, I very much doubt if the element of fairing and many the continuous of the derived by the affording of a sleeping autment for the members of a company in the outine or hose axis, is not more than counterbalanced when the ultimate results of such a departure from the ordinary and proper domestic partners, the outination of the ordinary and proper domestic partners and the ordinary and proper domestic partners and the ordinary and proper domestic partners and the province of the Pinance Department, and o

Pinally, the fuller publication of your proceedings in the daily propers, in order that the citizens at its se may have the opportuni-ies of being fully advised of the subjects under your consideration,

his of being fully astrised of the subjects under your consideration, and your socios thereon. Orders of the Board, and any amendments thereto I may wish to suggest, and concerning such materia as may relad to sur commerce and facility of action when it existen. I will avail myself of another and an early opportunity to communicate with you.

Gentlement of the Board of Common Councilmen: I easis thank your partiality in selecting me to preside everyon. I assure you that it is with no ordinary feelings of gratitude for your kinduces that I enter upon the duties of presiding officer of the account board of the municipal government of this, my native different processed with the election of a

Mr. Bear moved to proceed with the election of a Clerk by ballot.
Mr. GEST I hoped the election would be niza poce. The amendment was voted down, and Mr. Brady's motion prevailed, 14 to 10. The President appointed Mesers. Dunn and Cross

Mr. Bhaby nominated Mr. Chas. T. McClenschan Mr. FRAZIER nominated Mr. Samuel T. Webster.

On the first ballot Mr. McClenachan received 13
Potes, Mr. Webster 19, and I blank.

Mr. McClenachan was therefore declared duly
elected Clerk of the Board for the ensuing year.

Mr. Slidell was reflected Sergeant-at-Arms by

Mr. Ricors moved that a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Mayor, and inform him that the Board had organized and was ready to pro-

ceed to business.
The Chair appointed on that Committee Messrs.
Rhodes, Cross and Bickford.
Messrs. Van Tine, Bunce and Costella were applied to Board of Alderpointed a Committee to wait upon the Board of Alder-men to inform them of the organization of the Board. It was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to revise the Rules of Order of the Board, and that a like Committee be appointed to direct the necessary alterations of the Commber, so as to accommodate the Supervisors and Councilmen.

The Committee to wait on his Honor the Mayor respected that he would present his Message at noon on

ported that he would present his Message at noon on Tuesday. The Committee to wait on the Board of Alder-

The Committee to wait on the Board of Alderman reported that they had adjourned to meet on Tuesday at noon. Both reports were accepted.

The Chair appointed to the Committee on Rules of Order, Mesers, Brady, Genet and Crawford, and on the Alteration of the Chambers, Mesers. Brady, Rhodes and Van Tine.

The Board then proceeded to elect a doorkeeper.

Mr. Roderick Entwistle having received a majority of the votes, was declared duly elected.

The Board then adjourned to meet on Tuesday at moon.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The members assembled at 10 o'clock, all precent except Mr. Purdy.

Supervisor Youthis was called to the chair, and Joseph B. Young nominated as Secretary, for the purpose

Supervisor Bell nominated Elijah F. Purdy as permanent Chairman. Supervisors Blur! and Tweed were appointed tellers, and Mr. Purdy received 11 votes, and was declared elected. Mr. Purdy was absent, and Supervisor BELL accounted for his absence by announcing the death of a brother.

Supervisor KENNEDY nominated Joseph B. Young se permanent Secretary to the Board. Mr. Young got all the votes present, and was also declared elected. Supervisor Tween moved to ballot for a Sergeant-

Supervisor KENNEDY opposed. The man sought to be appointed he could not possibly vote for, and it was contrary to the agreement entered into by the members. He moved to lay the motion on the table, which

Supervisor Baust moved to have a committee appointed to wait on the Mayor and inform his Honor that the Board was organized and ready to transact business. Carried, and Messrs. Blunt and Briggs were appointed. The Committee returned in a few minutes

with them at the next meeting.

Mr. Kenneny moved to adopt the rules of the former Board for the present and to refer the same to a com mittee for revision. Carried.

It was moved that the Clerk apply to the Common Council for suitable rooms for meeting and for clerical conveniences.

A committee of Supervisors Bell and Stuart were ap pointed to wait upon Mr. Purdy and inform him of his

The Board then adjourned to Thursday afternoon at 3 o'elock.

GERMAN LAND-REFORM MEETING.

A Land-Reform meeting of Germans, gotten up by Bachanau Democrats, was held last evening at the Yolks Garten. Nearly a thousand people were present. Dr. Ahers was appointed President; and the following gentlemen Vice-Presidents: Dr. Michaelis, Jacob Fickler, Antony Eichhoff, Christian Smith, Dan Catoir, Dr. Regensburger, O. Ottondorfer, George Dessoye, Hermann Ewisch, R. Hoffmann, F. H. Klicker, G. Leweck, S. Kohlhepp, B. Meyer, D. Lama, P. Kirchhoff, Dr. J. Meyer, Nicholas Seagrict, Jacob Schaeffer, Andrew Lutz, H. Stern and J. J. Friedmann,

After a short speech from the PRESIDENT, a long After a short speech from the PRESIDENT, a long pressable and set of resolutions were read and adopted. The pressable recounts the importance of giving those who recaim the Western wilderness the freest access to its possession as incentives to activity; the disastrous effects of land speculation upon the deserving settler, "and whereas, as Mr. Buchanan, in his first "Message to Congress, expresses himself, the importance of free lands, so far as they furnish home-instead for a noverful and independent agricultural steads for a powerful and independent agricultural population, is far greater than as sources of revenue; therefore they resolve that the present way of selling the public lands is an abuse, and a stop called the state of the not be put quick enough to it; that, as Jackson said, it ought to be given in limited quantities to actual settlers, either gratis or after paying the expenses of laying out; that such would add far more to the national wealth than the gold of California, and that they give their warmest thanks to Senator Andrew Johnson of Tennessee for bringing in a Homestead bill thus early in the session.

The speakers were Dr. Berckman, Dr. Frech, Weil ton Gernsbash, Dr. Rödel, and Dr. Frech, Weil. They glorified Andrew Jackson and Mr. Bachanan, and repeated some of the triter formulie of the land reformers. Gernsbach referred to the statement in the Alexad Zeitung that this meeting was only a dodge of the Democratic leader to retrieve their lost popu-

larity emong the Germans, and some Republican who very unnecessarily said that that was true was very necessarily hustled out amid great uprear.

THE NEW-YEAR'S ADDRESSES.

Perhaps the frankest form of salutation during the late festive season was that in vogue among the more candid members of the juvenile community, and which ran as follows: "Wish you a happy New Year, Mis-"ter! please to give me a penny!" There is a perfect freedom from insincerity, and a cheerful recognition of human selfishness in this greeting, which would have delighted the cold-blooded French maxim-monger or the sharp author of "The Fable of the Bees." The little philosophers, in their short tunics, have clearly recognized the truth of the doctrine that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and they have not the least objection to bestowing any amount of that particular kind of beatitude upon any gentleman with a plethoric purse. And their merry wishes are cheap at a penny spiece, even if we take into account the temporal induration at present prevailing. Whether it be proper to send an innocent child to a shop with this communication: "Mother wishes you a happy New

"Year, and says that she will take it in molasses," is certainly a question. This formula has a coarse, mercenary truck-and-dicker ring in it, and an aroma of barter about it, not to be observed in "the elegant simplicity" of specie payments. But we cannot expect every one to beg with judgment and taste. And this brings us directly to our subject. We are not in possession of the name of the first newsman who hit upon the expedient of invoking the Nine; but, considering that the old ladies have made anything but melodious responses, we think that the experiment has been remarkably successful. We suppose that the papercarriers of New-York on Friday received about a hundred times more for their wares than Mr. John Milton did for his. When the Mantuan made that lucky hit. "Tu Marcellus cris." and took £200 therefor from the blubbering and swooping Octavia, he was thought to be the best-paid poet at that time breathing and singing. But the newsmen, considering both the quantity and the quality of their goods, rival Virgil in heir receipts. We do not mean to growl at their luck. If other

benefactors of society receive silver teapots, why not bestow the dimes or even the dollars upon the newsman? Pray, who gives more pleasure? Pray, who, should he prove neglectful, would be more keenly missed? Saving always one's cook, who than he has your breakfast more at his mercy? What intelligent man in this enlightened metropolis but thinks at cock-crow first of his newspaper? What does it matter that all night long brains have been bothered, ink has been flowing, swift-legged reporters have been rushing, nimble type setters have been toiling, steam has been whizzing and presses have been clanking, while riots have been turbulent and murder uncommonly active, and the oddest, strangest and most scandalous things have been taking place, if the newsman forgets to serve you? There may be "news from all nations" in town but what does it avail you? It might as well be it Nova Zembla. And as it has been observed that h who does not breakfast well will not probably spend the day well, and as the absence of the newspaper sure to create an irritation incompatible with a successul morning meal, it is clearly evident that the carrier has our fortunes, our tempers, our morals, perhaps,

even our very lives, in his hands. So when he comes with his little string of verses his moldy morsels of morality, his stale reassertion o the fact that "Time flies," his venerable jokes, his rehash of the year's events, who can be cold enough to send him away empty-handed? For our own part, we have bought a large pile of these anniversary productions, which we have perused much to our edification and comfort. They are full of valuable information. Thus the gentlemen who carry The Eccuring Mirror communicate the following:

"Now in the attic sits the dame
Who but a mouth or two ago
Made Peris noisy with her name,
For disraonds, equipage and show—
Sits in a tonishment of wow."

This dame was probably a "seventy-dress woman," but although Paris was noisy with her name, and we keep an excellent correspondent there, he has never nce mentioned her-for which negligence we thin

that we shall discharge him by the next mail.

Then, too, we are sorry to learn that our friends of The Times are hard up, as will appear from the following lines:

Another building somewhat near r home.
The spiendid structure—spite of lacking dience—Erected and embellished for The Times."

We hope that this inconvenience is merely tempo rary, and that, in fact, truth has been sacrificed to

The Herald, in speaking of the new Mayor, declares "He was considered a pretty good specimen of a dyed-in-the

Here the carrier differs from the editor, who vowed that Mayor Tiemann was a thorough-going Nativ American. The Home Journal, in the Longfellow faial-facility

stenza, informs us:

"The great drama of existence
Still is playing; we can see it." True 28 a book! And may the Home Journalist

ive to see it without spectacles for many, many years The Christian Ambassador favors us with the fet

owing information:

" Far away on the Southern plantations,
Where the Winter shows ne'er with The cotten lies piled in mountains, But we've never an ounce to spin." As many of the cotton-mills have resumed running re suppose this cannot be strictly true.

The Sam opens:

" He lies upon his dying bed,
The poor old more that he year."

The poor old more that is omething We think that we have heard something like the

What does the respectable Commercial Adecriises mean by indulging in such a rhyme as the following ?

"Another trouble, too, assal's Buchanan, And makes him ask of Congress troops and cannon." The late Col. Stone would have made a very wry face at that.

But enough. Good, bad or indifferent, these ephem eral productions answered the purpose, we trust, fo which they were intended, and were fruitful of pence

THE SHEHAN HOMICIDE CASE.

CLOSE OF THE INVESTIGATION,

DOCTOR MONELL CENSURED.
At 16 o'clock yesterday morning Coroner Connery renewed, at the Trinity-place Station, the investigation commenced on New-Years day, relative to the death of Michael Shehan, formerly a policeman of the First Ward, who died from the effects of violence inflicted to his person on or about the night of the 22d ult., as published in Monday's TRIBUNE. No testimony could be procured to show positively who gave the fatal blow. Below will be found a copy of the evidence not heretofore published, and the verdict of the Jury.

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Andrew Moore being duly sworn, deposes and says.

I live at No. 16 Bowery. The boots of deceased wors here
presented to the witness by the Corner, in order to secretain
whether shey were burned or not by the paper event to in testimony as lighted over the boots. Witness, after a childred samination, pronounced that they were not burned.

Jane Ryan, being duly sworn, says.—I live at No. 3

Rector streat, I knew Mr. Skehar, deceased; I have had a conversation with him share the contreme in Pearl street; a day or
two ofter the beeling of Shehan, he came into my prece, he told
see that he wont into a friend's none; he said he hed some
ditina; he mentioned that one of the parties he treated was an
expelled own in two a counterfiet; he deceased; and it was
a sinking lie, when he was knowled down, and, when down,
relied over his face, and a very heavy man relied over he heavy,
he blanned Mr. Murnay for the beating he received; I saw Mr.
Shehan every day beinge Christians. I saw him take a gias or
two of drink, but did not see him in a clate of irroxication; he
scented to me to be sensible, he said that two meer relead him up
off the ground, and let him, take and harde peper
under his feet and house.

James D. Rankin being duly sworn deposes and
says: I reside at 373 Pract street; I am a hatter; I have been

round of whicky akine called for by Mr. Shekan; they drank the whicky; after they find drank it Mr. Shekan was at the end of the counter; he fill on his side and roiled on his back; Mr. Fagna then tried to raise him up, the did raise him up, and said he was too heavy for him, and had him down enain; he then said, "D-m it, we must wake him up," be then hit him with fac for of his boot in order to wake him up, he said that he would soon wake him up, when he took some election papers that they kept for eight repers, and lighting the same, put them on his loots; Mr. Bercuy them came in, and said he would have no such going on in his place; I beard Mr. Shekan asking for some change; Mr. Morray told him that there was no change conding to him; Mr. Shekan was informated when I came in; on the morning of the next day I was giving Mr. Shekan a drink of water, when he told me he felt bad; I asked him what was the mater; he said he did not know; facked him why he did not go home; he said he did not like to go home in the daytime; if these lad been any kicking done in the storn is hould have seen it! I knew of no bad feeling existing between Mr. Murray or Mr. Faran; Mr. Shekan was in the same place in the storn whould have seen it! I knew of me bad feeling existing between Mr. Murray or Mr. Faran; Mr. Shekan was in the same place in the storn whould he between the feeling existing between Mr. Faran wished to give deceased water, but others said, after he, Shekan, hed an hour's sleep he would be better.

The case was here brought to a close, when Coroner Consery addressed the Jury, to whom he reviewed the testimony of each witness who had been heard before them.

The Jury retired, and after deliberating for nearly half an hour, returned with the following

"That Michael Shehan, the deceased, came to his death by violence inflicted upon him by some person or persons to them unknown.

"We, the Jury, highly censure Dr. Monell for violating the law in giving a certificate of death when he was told that the deceased had been besten, and that the case belonged to the Coroners of New-York, thereby covering criminalty which should be gaposed in order to the protection of the lives of our fellow-citizens."

After the reading of the verdict Fagan and Murray, who had been arrested as participators in the homicide, were discharged from custody.

CITY ITEMS.

DINNER TO THE BOARD OF COUNCILNES. - In accordance with time-honored custom, the Board of Councilmen yesterday afternoon dined at Delmonico's. at the invitation of the officers of the ensuing year. Mr. Haswell presided and Mr. McClenachan occupied the Vice Chair. After a very excellent dinner, the healths of Mr. Tiemann, Mr. Brady, Mr. Haswell, Mr. J. N. Phillips, and others, were drank with enthusiasm. Messrs, Haswell, McClenachan, Brady, Phillips, Revnolds, Genet, Cross, Bunce and others spoke to sundry sentiments, and the affair passed off very happily. If we may judge from the sentiments advenced, the new Board will go to work very harmoniously.

FERNANDO WOOD'S CONSISTENCY .- Our readers will remember that a few days ago Fernando Wood, then Mayor, vetoed a small advertising claim of Tur TRIBUNE, alleging as a reason that the advertisements had been inserted without authority, so far as he knew. At a meeting of the Supervisors last week, when the expiring Board was making every possible effort to swell the taxes of the city, a member rose and offered a resolution to pay Coroner Connery's Irish Vindicator a weekly said to be owned by Ben. Wood, or Fernando himself), The Truth Teller, and The Sunday Mercury \$269 each for publishing the election canvass. These papers were not authorized to publish the canvass, and that fact was announced in the Board; but trusting to the influence of the Woods, they took the liberty; and the resolution, on the statement that the present were democratic, was pushed through and sent to the Mayor, who the next day signed the paper and sent it to the Controller. Here is a sum of \$800 given away like so much city government "pap," without any shadow of authority or right, while a bill of \$104 for committee notices, published by direction of Committees and the Clerks of the Board, stands vetoed.

We invite special attention to the concert at Niblo's Saloen this evening, for the benefit of the Italian Benevolent Society. The bill is an excellent one, including the names of many most distinguished artists. Be sides, the Society is one that should be encouraged.

THE WARD'S ISLAND PURCHASE. -On Thursday afternoon the report and resolution were concurred in to purchase certain lands of Alexander McCotter, sitnated on Ward's Island. They were sent to Mayor Wood, and signed. The arbiters were, as previously binted, all ready, and appointed forthwith-P. C. Scheimerhorn by the Mayor, and Ex-Astidant Alder man McGowan by McCotter. The decision of the two urbiters, no matter what price they choose to agree upon, is to be binding, and must, according to the resolution, be accepted.

SOMETHING WORTH IMPLATING.-There was to interesting exhibition of the Male and Female Night Schools, on Christmas Eve, in the Fifteenth Ward. the boys engaging in a creditable debate, well sustained, while the yiels furnished some excellent music At the close, several addresses, appropriate to the which we would like to see copied elsewhere-was the presentation of some \$40 or \$50 worth of books, by one of the retiring officers of the Ward Board to the most meritorious scholars. This is the second time the gentleman has manifested his estimate of the night-school system by works not words.

THE ICE CROY.—The weather we are now enjoying has an ominous look for the ice men. By this time last year the Knickerbocker Company was pitching into the ice at Rockland Lake, then about 10 inches thick, and was actively engaged in gathering superior ice, from 12 to 15 inches thick, during nearly the whole of January. But now there is not a film of ice on Rock. land Lake, and the greatest thickness it has reached there this season as yet has only been 1; inches. Two weeks of the very coldest weather would be required now to get the ice in a condition thick enough for good cuiting, and it is hardly probable that any will be gathered sooner than February, if indeed we are not obliged to suffer a scarcity of this article, and a conequent high price next Summer.

Patrick Lankin was attacked in the Five Points on Sunday night, by John Shea, and badly cut and beaten about the head. Shes made his escape, and Lankin was conveyed to the Hospital.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVES STEAMBOAT LINE. In noticing, yesterday, the Winter arrangements of this line, we inadvertently emitted the name of the Trav eler, which runs in connection with the Elm City, the two forming a daily live (Sundays excepted), leaving alternately at 3 p. m.

THE LATE CAPT. JAMES REVNOLDS .- The remain of this gellant soldler arrived from Sen Francisco or Sunday, on board the clipper-ship Ringleader, and will be taken in charge by the various military committee of Philadelphia and the State of New-Jerrey. To body was removed yesterday to Camden, and ther placed ir state at the County Court-House, until the day of the reinterment. Ger. Issac W. Mickle has charge of the funeral obsequies. The remains will be finally interred under the beautiful monument of the Scott Legion, in Glenwood Cometery, near Philadelphia. Capt. Reyrolds was a native of Philadelphia and served during the late Mexican war with much credit to the acreice and with distinction for himself.

Two CONFIDENCE OPERATORS NABRED. - Yesterday afterneon, as Detective Officers Huestis and Bennett were walking down Broadway, they espied two wellknown confidence operators at work. One of them had an old men by the arm, and was engaged in close con versation with him, the other walking leisurely behind Upon arriving at Trinity Church, the old man was in vited in to look at one of the monuments, and while a engaged, his companion excused himself for a moment and walked out of the yard. The officer went up to the old man and told him the character of his com panion, and saked him if he had ket any of his money The old man seemed quite starmed, and hastily exam ined his pockets and found his funds all right. R appears that the fellow had got his points, and had begged a moment's absence, with a view of consulting with his confederate as to their plan of operations.

Officer Huest's quickly feitoured the feitow from the

churchyard to where his confederate was standing, and arrested them both. They gave their names as Wilson and Milton. They were shown up at the Deputy Su-perintendent's office, after which their daguerrootypes were taken. Against this procedure both strongly pro-

Business in the Special Sassions.-Cases die posed of by the Court of Special Sessions since its er ganization, under the new City Charter, from May 1, to December 31, 1857:

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Keeping disorderly h Indecent exposure of person.

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GRDERED TO GENERAL SESSIONS
Assault and battery
Petit largesy.

Embezzloment
Soliciting emigrant passengers
Willfully causing collision between ferry-bests.
Removing goods to prevent execution of a mortgage
Selling lettery policies.
Violating Corporation ordinance. Violating to Total number of cases.

Sentenced to Penitentiary—Males.

Fernales.

Sentenced to House of Refuge—Boys.

Girls. Sentenced to City Prison-Makes Females......
Sentenced to Javenile Asyium (boy).....

BULL OF AN ENGLISH DETECTIVE FOR AN EXCURSION TO NEW-YORK .- The Birminghom Doily Post says that in June last a Nottingham trader named Baxter absconded to the United States, carrying with him, as was supposed, considerable property. A pursuit was resolved upon by his creditors, and Mr. Henry Forrester was dispatched to New-York by the first steamship On the 10th of August he returned with his man and £360 in cash. His bill for the job amounts to \$629. The chief item was the following: "To 144 days engaged at Birmingham, Liverpool, New-York, New Jersey, Staten Island, Coney Island, Brookiya, Hoboken, Claremout, Philadelphia, Newport, Tarry town, Albany, Troy, Saratoga, Rochester, Buffelo, Niagara and various other places, at £2 12s. 6d. per day on land, and £1 11s. 6d. per day at sea, as per agreement, £317 19s. 6d." Beside this, there was 10 per cent on money recovered, £36; paid to the officer assisting him in America, £20; refreshment for assistant in America, £39; solicitor's bill, £72; paid for passage to New-York and back, £19 1%, 61.; and

AN EAPLASTICATION.

To the Editor of The Acts York Tribune.

Sin: I notice among the list of persons appointed as Attendants to the Court of Sessions, in your paper of this morning that of Joseph Dowling. I desire to state that I was not an application to as a spokent, nor was I appointed. I make this correction because several persons have spoken to us about it, supposing it was I. By inserting this you will oblige Yours, &c., JOSEPH DOWLING. New York, Jan. 4, 1858.

THE DEATH OF SHEEHAN.

The Leditor of The N. V. Teibone.

Sin: Please say that I am Nor the Dr. Monell mentioned in connection with the death of ex-poil sman Sheeban. By so doing you will much obline. Yours respectfully, JOSEPH S. MONELL, M. D., No. 2 First avenue.

New York, Jun. 4, 1959.

PURDY'S NATIONAL THEATER.-The new drama PURDY'S NATIONAL THEATER.—The new drama of "The Pioneer Patriot, or the Maid of the Wat Path," by Mr. G. L. Alken, from Cobb's popular Ledger story of the same name, was successfully produced at this tworite. Theater last night. The new and brilliant gorseous pantomines of "Boreas" also continues to elicit the warmest acclamations of delight and approval, and has become a theme of admiration by all who have witnessed it. Both of these phenes will be performed To-vicur, and the conredy of "In and Out of Place" concluding. To-vicur, and the conredy of the performance (Approximent To-vicur, and the company and other affaches of the Theater. "The Pioneer Patriot" and "Boreas" both Affaches of the Theater. "The Pioneer Patriot" and "Boreas" both Affaches on and Eventon, with the addition of "Will Watch" at night.

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BROOKLYN ITEMS.

ANOTHER FERRY REDUCTION.—The residents of the Eastern District will be gratified to learn that the Peck slip Ferry Company have been compelled t adopt the course of the South Tenth street Ferry, and reduce the ferriage on the Peck slip route to one cent A notice to this effect was posted up at the ferry gates about noon yesterday. They are also reducing expenses by running less boats during the night. From 16 p. m. to 3 a. m. but one beat is to be kept on, run ning once in 40 minutes from 10 to 12 o'clock, and from that time occe an hour to 3 o'clock a. m. The wages of the employees on the Grand street Ferry have albeen reduced. The Company also claim that their charter does not compel them to run any boats between 10 o'clock and an hour before daylight.

BROOKLYN CITY MORTALITY. -The total number of teaths in this city last week was 88, of which 49 were males and 37 females—of men 13, boys 36; women 13 girls 22. Of the whole number 25 were under on year of age. The principal diseases were consump tion, of which 16 died, and disease of the brain, of which II died.

Tur. Ksurr .- On Sunday night a difficulty occurred between Barney Kane, a boy about sixteen years of age, residing at the corner of Withers and Lorimer streets, and a colored boy named Horatio Ellison. The latter named took out a razor and attempted to cut Kane's throat, but the blade passed from behind the car to the mouth, laying open the face to the bone Ellison succeeded in making his escape.

THE COURTS .- Judge John A. Lott yesterday com menced his official duties, by holding a special term of the Supreme Court, and occupied the morning in hear

Judge E. D. Cuiver opened the criminal term of the City Court yesterday morning, saided by Supervisors Smith and Stedard. The Petit July was impanished.

and the Grand Jury was called. The panel was however exhausted before a sufficient number was ob ained. John Langstaff, the keeper of a public house in Myrtle avenue, was placed on trial on an indictment for violating the excise law, in seiling liquor on Sunday. The case was opened, and adjourned till to-day. The Grand Jury will be impanneled on Wednesday, and the general civil calendar will be taken up on Thursday.

THE BROOKLYN MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIA rios .- At an election held on Saturday evening for an additional director of this Association, Mr. Albert B. Capwell having received the highest number of votes, was declared chosen.

EXAMINATION OF COUNTERFEITERS. -Joseph Lan Honors Lane, formerly Shopherd, his wife, were brought be facilities Gornwell yesterday morning for examination on the stars of possing countries is 5 bill on the Bank of Ononday, mouse, N. Y., upon different parties. The secured were rep-Synamic, N. Y., upon different parties. The accused were represented by control of New York, being sworm, testified that, from Officer Wildey of New York, being sworm, testified that, from information received, he in company with other officers, went to the house of the defendants, on the corner of Oxford street and Flushing avenue, on Wednesday last, for the purpose of discovering the contreffets in question; that when he entered the house, the wife of Lane threw something from her person, and he picks dup from the floor twenty-five of the hills now in court; he then wind out of the house with Lane, and found directly under the window of the room in which the first bills were found \$25 more in \$6 bills; this was the amount corresponding with the information he had received of the bills left a Lane's house; he took the principles into custedy and conveyed them to New York, and they were subsequently brought to Brooklyn.

Mr. Markay, a broker, testified that the fulls were counterfeit. Fullence was affered to prove that Houses was the wife of Lane, for the purpose of moving for her discharge, upon the legal around that she was under the coercion and control of her husband, and the torcher emandants was then adjourned.

Jours News at of Now York and D. Parmonter, esq., appeared or defendants.

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Suddendants.—Mr. Alfred Large, a well-known cliticen of Brooklyn, died suddenly at his residence in Henry street on Satursky evening last.

On Sunday night Mr. Samuel F. Coggewell died at his residence. No. 113 Capiton avenue, from the effects of an overdose of elluric of common which he took to relieve the headache, to which he was adject. He had been to a to party at the bonse of the pastor of the Cariton avenue Church on Saturday evening, and on his ratum house complained of illners. He took a temperounful of the elluric which there had been into a steep, from which he did not a waken till the next day, when he was select with contradions and died about 1 o'clock at might. Mr. Coggewell was formerly Assistant City Cleik, and previous thereto publisher of The Brooklyn Dadly Freedom. The Cornore's Jury srought in the following verdict:

"That deceased came to his death by compation of the brain, produced by who, under the circumstances of the case, was an overloss of opism, taken voluntarily by the deceased, under the bellet that it might cure a previously existing headable." Mr. Cornore Suel also held an impost upon Ann Marriott, of No. 30 Sackett street, who died sundenly while attending Divine service at the Datch Reformed Church in Harrison street, on Sunday servicing. A verdict of death from apoplesy was rendered.

ButtGLAX ARRESTED.—James F. Becket was

Bunglar Arrested.—James E. Becket was cought to lose Justice Allen yesterlay, charged with breaking to the purmises of Allen Warner, corner of Seventh and North with streets, on the 18th of December last. He was committed

FAST DRIVING .- Patrick Kelly and Thomas Turer, two New York backmen, were arrested on Sanday afternoon, Assistant Capt. Bruce and Officer Dood, for racing horses his everyong from Calvary Cemetery. Justice Allen Josterday, sed them 2-5 sech.

Reality Ries.—The house of Mr. Rouhel, No. 308 Grand street, was entered yesterday afternoon and robbed of a quantity of silver.

Mr. Cooper's house, in the Fighteenth Ward, was entered on Sunday nicht and robbed of about \$100 worth of silver ware.
The hered man belong avankened by a noise, say three robbers in the hour, but being aftaid, did not darn give the alarm until they had led the premises. Reasurers .- The house of Mr. Rouhel, No. 30

DISORDERLY HOUSE .- The Police of the Seven teenth Ward made a descent upon a disorderly house, kept by Eliza O Neill, in Green Point, on Sunday evening, and arrested Mas, O'Neil, and a number of her risitors. Yesterday they were taken before Justice Allen, Mrs. O'Neil was fined \$15.7 James Sherlin, \$5, and the others were dismissed with a reprimand.

ARRESTS BY THE POLICE,-The police of the differ-FIRE .- There was an alarm of fire in the Seventh

District about 3 o'clock has night, which originated burning of a stable near the Bushwick line. HOTEL THIFFIN. On Sanday two young men care to the elastic Hotel, in Hicks street, and engaged board. They were shown to their room, which adjoined that of Mr. L. Bossom and family. During the night one of them called the porter and sent him for brandy, under the pretense of sickness. During the porter's absence they entered the adjoining room and stole \$400 and some valuable articles, having opened the door by means of nippers. When the porter returned they were gone.

COPUNERS' INQUESTS .- Coroner Bennett held an in

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

ESCAPE OF DONNELLY FROM JAIL.

James P. Donnelly, convicted of the murder of Albert S. Moses, at the Highlands, last Summer, and sontenced to be hanged on the 8th of this month—but respited by the Governor until the 13th—escaped from the Freehold Jail on Sunday night about 10 o'clock. He made his way as rapidly as possible in the direction of Keyport, where there was a sail boat in reading as to receive him. His escape was soon discovered and pursuit instituted, and he was overtaken, arrested and taken back to his hold quarters and

heavily ironed. The following account of his escape and recaptus from an extra of The Monmonth (N. J.) Inquirer: FREEHOLD, N. J., Monday Morning, Jan. 4, 1858.

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"The murderer, James P. Donnelly, confined in the Monmouth County Jail, under sentence of execution on Friday next, for the murder of Albert S. Moses, at the Highlands, on the 28th of August last, effected his escape about 10 o'clock last evening. The watchers employed to guard the jail for the night, Mr. Obadiah Lamberson and James Brasnehan, had not catered upon their duties when the escape took place.

"Their attention was first attracted by hearing a noise as if a door had been shut in the jail part, while they were sitting in the front room of the Court-House, which is occupied as a sitting-room by the family of the jailor. (The jail is immediately in the rear of the Court-House.) They at once went there, and found the door of the prisoner's cell locked as usual. Upon looking around, however, they discovered the iron doop leading to the jail yard slightly ajar, and at once surmised that the prisoner had made his escape, and

doop leading to the jail yard slightly ajar, and at once surmised that the prisoner had made his escape, and immediately entered his cell to ascertain.

"There the bed presented rather an unusual appearance, a belster having been placed so as to give the appearance of a man lying asleep. The chain with which he had been confined was also found in the cell, having been cut and left there. The cell door had also been unlocked, as well as the heavy door opening into the jail yard, which is inclosed by a brick wall about fourteen feet in hight.

"A piece of wood had been placed against this wall, leading to a window-sill, from which the top was reached, and a ladder had been placed against the outside, by which the descent was made easy and safe,

side, by which the descent was made easy and safe. Up to this time this is the last trace of the prisoner,

of ar as we have been caabled to learn.

"As soon as it was found that Donnelly was out the
alarm was given, the Court-House beil rung, and the
citizens of the village gathered to learn the fact. Meecitizens of the village gathered to learn the fact. Measurgers were at once sent to Jamesburg to telegraph to New-York, and to Keyport, and all the various points at which it was thought probable that the fugitive might seek to leave the country. All agree that he must have had outside help, and that the affair had heen skillfully managed throughout.

"The chain, about a foot in length, which coupled the prisoner's less, had evidently been cut, and the pieces curried out of the juil, probably attached to the pieces curried out of the juil, probably attached to the pieces curried out of the juil, probably attached to the cigs of the prisoner. To this coupling chain was fastened a longer chain, reaching to the door of the cell, where it was fastened with a lock.

"No blame can be attached to the Sheriff, who had adopted every possible precaution to prevent an es-

"No blame can be attached to the Sherin, who had adopted every possible precaution to prevent an escape—employed watchers, enjoined a rigid surveillance, and been scrupulously careful of the prisoner during the whole term of his confinement. No one here consures the Sheriff.

"The jailor, Mr. Van Poren, was in the jail a few mighter reign to the time the escape must, have been

here censures the Sheriff.

"The jailer, Mr. Van Doren, was in the jail a few minutes prior to the time the escape must have been made, but discovered nothing wrong.

"P. S., 5] occlock.—Donnelly has been retaken. He was captured between this village and Keyport, by Mersts. Lamberson and Charles Conover, who met him on foot. They had been to Keyport, and saw a bont standing on and off, and being satisfied that this was intended to carry him away, they set out to search for him, and met him near the residence of Mr. John W. Herbert. When told to stop he paid no attention, but kept wa king on till Mr. Lamberson took hold of him, when he at once gave up, and was brought back to this place. He completely exonerates everybody connected with the jail of couniving at his escape, and only regrets that he did not reach his boat once safely, on which he thinks he could not have been taken. He says he had a team engaged to take him away, but they did not come; that he has spent a great amound of mency in the attempt, which has an argued to the sagnelty and perseverance of Mr. Lamberson, of whom he speaks in the highest terms of admiration."

Assault and Ronnegy, -A man named John Mo-

Ongo, who lives in Greeco street, James Oltr, was arrested a territy afternoon, und token before Recorder Heafferd, on the or plaint of Daniel Heaffer, obering him with having on Saturder ere ring last knocked him (Harper) down and robbed him welled containing \$43. It seems that McCongo's father is a ten of Harper's, in Newark avenue, and that he was at his falls bosse on Saturday evening when Harper came to collect the roles at his poster, he affer the post of the money was recovered, and McCongo knocked him down, snakehed the welles, and about \$25 of the money was recovered, and McCongo was anisked to juil to await trial.

PRESENTATION .- Mr. John W. Van Books Chief Engineer of the Hoboken Pire Department, has been pro-sented, by the members of Engine Company No. 1 and Hook and Ledder Company No. 1, with a beautiful diver trampet. It bean an appropriate inscription, and is hundromely sugraved with run presentations of fires, apparatus, and insignis of the Department.

BRUTAL ASSAULT.-Mr. James Robins, residing at No. 115 Eric street, Jersey City, while going home on the certaing, was attacked by rewdies in Eric street and most taily beaten. The wounds he received are said to be of a sechameter, and be is now lying in a critical condition. The dies were unknown, and no arrests have se yet been made.

BURGLARY.—The house of Recorder Bedford, corner of Grove and South Eighth streets. Juracy City, was entered on Sunday hight by means of faise keys, and a mamber of actions of clothing stoken.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS-JAN &-Before July The January term of this Court opened its first one

sion this morning, at 11 o'clock. The new Recorder, Mr. Barnard, occupied a seat beside Judge Russell and the District Attorney elect, the Hon. Peter B. Sweeny, was sented within the bar by the side of his present Assistant, Mr. Sedgwick. The latter gentle-man, having been the Assistant of Mr. Hall, holds man, having been the Assistant of Mr. Hall, holds over moder the present administration. Mr. Swoong is a medium-sized man, rather below than above the average, with quite a heavy head of black halr, small dark eyer, features inclined to thinness, and a complexion approximating, though not precisely, dark. He has not spoken yet, and honce we can say nothing of his mettle, though it is presumed to be good, Mr. Sedgwick having spoken what little was necessary to be said to-day. Mr. Barnard is also a man of medium hight, but of yet more sleader form than the District Attorney, having spare, sallow features, with dark hair and black eyes, and is apparently not more than twenty-eight or twenty-nine years of age. Mr. Sweeny is apparantly about thirty-five years of age.

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After the opening of the Court, the Clerk, Mr. Yea-After the opening of the Court, the Clerk, Er. Vandervoort, commenced calling over the list of persons aummoned as Grand Jurors, and a quorum not being present, those answering were discharged till to-morrow morning. The Court imposed a flue of \$25 cm such of the absent Grand Jurors. The Clerk these preceded to call over the list of Petit Jurors, when the ordinary number of enuser were uttered and accepted. The Court also imposed a fine of \$25 such on 21 absent Petit Jurors, who have been summoned, and did not answer at roll-call. All the Petit Jurors present were three discharged till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clook, the Assistant District-Attorney stating that he had no business to

were then discharged till to-morrow morning at it o'cook, was asked to be the country of the Court, both sets of attendants upon the Seastons were present—the old officers heretofore serving and the claheen new ones appointed on Sandray last by the GR Judge and Recorder elect. The new crier, Mr. Carter, was at his nod, but the old crier, Mr. Walsh being present, Judge Russell requested bins to open the Court, and also to officiate otherwise during the season to day. It is but simple justice to Mr. Walsh on his withfrawed from this Court, to award him the credit, and mindrum punctuality, diligence and devotion to his duties, and day to the totale that the qualities he has anhibited during its stated and upon this Court caunot but prove valuable in any kindred lians of duty to which he may be called. Nor is less credit due to all the other retains affects. Judge Russell embraced the occasion, before the adjournment of the Court, to return to all the rediting attendants his thanks for their habitual dillargess and devotion to him, define and amonapoine as season to the court, and the season to deliver up such of the public property as was in the possession to the new officers in attendance; whareupon, Officer by my the chains and adjournment of the Court, we start a first the state than to deliver up such of the public property as was in the possession to the new officers in attendance; whareupon, Officer which the Court adjourned to 11 o'clock to morning.

SUPERIOR COURT-SPECIAL TERM-Jan. 4 - Before July

Willard, &c., agt. Pettigrew, &c.—Motion for the erry to serve an exception to the decision of the Judge dealed with \$7 costs.

Morris agt. Slatery.—Motion to set naide inquest dealed. Potter agt. Clarke, &c .- Motion to set aside inques

The Butchers and Drovers' Bank agt. Slatery. Jones agt. Persee & Brooks.—Motion to set adde Levy agt. Joyce.—Claim of Wm. Joyce upon the

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TRAM—JAN. 4.—Before Judy
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Jacob Mussina and Simon Mussina agt. Stillman, Belden, &c.
This is an action to recover \$500,000 damages, and
to compel the defendants to account to the plaintiffs concerning
certain sales of lands in Texas.

The complaint states that in the year 1846 the plaintiffs and the
defendants Stillman and Belden formed a joint association for
the purpose of building and laying out the town of Brownsylla,
in Texas, near Matamoras, on the Rito Grande.

The plaintiffs, in order to further the purposes of the association, purchased The American Flag, a paper published at Malamoras, and published it at great expense.

alling, de's notants. Fixaultically combined with these antorasys as chest the paintiffs, and for this purpose conveyed to been for a pretended consideration the whole property, and warranted the title. That Bases and Hord retained the maniments of title and other important papers confided to them as strongery by hear clients, the plaintiffs, and refused to deliver them to the plaintiffs. That they excluded the plaintiffs from all control over the property and slandered their title.

This moreover alleged that the defendants entered into a conspirecy to induce one Cavallos to bring an action to resower the land in question from the joint association; that the cult was brought in the U.S. District Gourt, in Tekas, and that Judge Watrons, of that Court, took part in said comprisely. That the plan of the defendants was to allow judgment to be freadable in the cult. Cavallos, should then convey the land recovered against the defendants, and that it was agreed that the plaintiff in that suit, Cavallos, should then convey the land recovered to the defendants herein, thereby cheating the plaintiff in that suit, Cavallos, should then convey the land recovered to the defendants herein, thereby cheating the plaintiff in that suit, Cavallos, should then convey the land recovered to the defendants herein, thereby cheating the plaintiff herein from being the plaintiff herein from being in Court when the decree was rendered, and from appealing from asid decree; that, therefore, the plaintiffs in this suit were not in Court when the decree was rendered, and thereby lost the opportunity of appealing, whereby, and by the callination of their sitomaps, Bases and Hord, they fost possession of the land in question. Judge Watrons has alleged to have stated to another attoracy of Jases Musina. The plaintiffs in this suit were not in Court when the decree has a child not wish to appeal.

Based on this decree, an action for costs was issued appealing the defendants herein for the above fraudulent dealings, it is elegated that one of t

Jurisdiction has been acquired by this Court by the service of summers on one of the detendants here.

It will be remembered that the Committee of the Jadioiary of the last Courtess reported a resolution to impress Judge Watrous for hish crimes and misdemeanors, which resolution will come up his Winter.

For the pointiffs, J. L. Jernegan; for the defendants, Lot C.

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When Eyre and Louisa Lincoin Lear Eyre, his wife, agt. Edward

This was a suit brought to recover the possession of
a large number of letters written by Gen. Washington to Got.

Tobias Lear. Col. Lear was Washington's Private and Editory
Sceretary for many years, and a member of his household. This
gentle man died intostate in Washington in the year 1816, bowfug
a widow France a D. Lear, and a son Benjamin Lincoin Lear; the
after being his sole heirst-law.

The son died in 1832, leaving a will which had been made is
ignorance that the Lestator would have issue. After his death,
however, his wife gave birth to a postnumous daughter, one of
the plaintiffs in this suit, and heir st-law of Benjamin Lincoin
Lear.

the plaintiffs in this suit, and heir at-law of Benjamia Language.

Lear.

The letters in question remained at the house of Benjamia.

Lear from the time of his father's death to some time after his
own. They were then taken possession of by the defendance.

The widow of Tobias Lear, shortly before her death, requested.

Mrs. His hes to send the letters, which were bound in a legaciation, to the letters, which were bound in a legaciation, to the direction of the Hon. Behard Basis of Philadelphia. Aft. Rush was desired to make proper arrangements for

the publication of the letters, and eventually to provide for their
presentation to the State of Virginia. Senator Mason was expected as a suitable person through whom the presentation should

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A few days after, Mrs. Lear, being then in her last fillness, inquired of Mrs. Highes whether she had dolivered the lotters to
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Mrs. Mason and was mawared in the affirmative. It is, however,
Mrs. Mason and was mawared in the affirmative. It is, however,
alleys to be the following day she entered the house of Mrs.
Lear and took the letters, which she has retained ever since, without-carving into effect the request of Mrs. Lear
In April last, Louiss Le Eyre, the posthumous child mentioned
above, being the only person legally interested in the cetate of
Col. Teblas Lear took out betters of administration de bonis mason the setate of her grandfather for the purpose of recovering

The prioripal points of defense are that Mrs. Eyer's right to letters of administration has expired by lapse of time, about @ years having passed since Col. Lear's death, and that them letters are not a species of property which can be made the addition of the necking at less